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KHEAA Update

Looking for help motivating middle students to study hard and get good grades? Wish you had someone to guide you and your students through the maze of student financial aid? Want to direct students to higher education? The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) and The Student Loan People can help!

To schedule a workshop or visit to your school or event, contact your regional outreach counselor or call toll-free 1.800.928.8926, extension 7377.

KHEAA and GEAR UP Kentucky II Partner in Courier-Journal's Newspaper in Education Program

KHEAA and GEAR UP Kentucky II, a federal grant program for low-income students, are collaborating to produce *The Gear UP Gazette*, a newspaper supplement to the *Courier-Journal*.

Newspaper in Education (NIE) is an interactive program in which school textbooks and teaching materials are supplemented by the *Courier-Journal* newspaper throughout the school year. The program is designed to make reading newspapers a fun and beneficial learning experience, engage students in learning and encourage greater achievement. NIE promotes literacy and awareness in youth and develops a daily routine of reading among young people.

Through NIE, the *Courier-Journal* will be delivered to each 7th and 8th grade GEAR UP Kentucky II student throughout the course of the school year. Teachers will use the newspaper in the classroom to enhance lesson plans in science, weather, math, politics, current events, social studies, art and more.

The GEAR UP Gazette, written specifically for GEAR UP students, teachers and parents, will share important information regarding college, careers, study tips and GEAR UP messages like "stay in school," "study hard," and "take challenging math classes."

Staff from the Council on Postsecondary Education, which houses the state GEAR UP grant, write, compile and submit articles and photos to KHEAA. KHEAA's graphic designers then edit and layout the materials using desktop publishing skills and software. KHEAA sends the final version to the Courier-Journal to printing, who then distributes it to schools across the state.

Look for The GEAR UP Gazette inside Courier-Journal newspapers in your area! GoHigherKY.org News

Career detail video clips are now available through GoHigherKY.org. Students, adult learners, parents, counselors and others in the educational community can view approximately 50 video clips to receive detailed information about particular careers. The videos are also available in Spanish. To view the video clips, log on to GoHigherKY.org, go to the Career Center tab and click on either the list of Careers by Clusters or the Alphabetical List of Careers.

Comments from users:

"This GoHigherKY website is cool! It's easy to use and I really like the Career Center!" – Student

"We love the GoHigherKY.org website. We use it all the time. Our seniors have used it this year and we intend on having you in again to train our juniors to use it too. We think it has everything to plan for college. I especially like the fact that there is such an excellent scholarship search and cost information at your finger tips. Thank you for giving us GoHigher." – Professional School Counselor